

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 09/846,991	Applicant(s) SHIBATA, HIROSHI	
	Examiner KRISTIE D. SHINGLES	Art Unit 2441	

All Participants:

(1) KRISTIE D. SHINGLES, Examiner.

(2) Paul Teng, Atty.

Date of Interview: 6 April 2009

Status of Application: ALLOWED

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

Time: 9:00am

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic

☐ Video Conference

☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description: _____.

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

none

Claims discussed:

9, 12, 15, 20, 23, 28, 31 and 35

Prior art documents discussed:

Shibata USPN 7,180,620

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

/Kristie D. Shingles/
Examiner, Art Unit 2441

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: In light of Primary's approval, Examiner contacted Atty to suggest Examiner's Amendments to place the claim in condition for allowance. The amendments consisted of adding claim language to make the claims statutory under 35 USC 101, adding the use of facsimile communications in conjunction with email as described in Applicant's specification, clarifying the registration information in the apparatus and canceling redundant claims. Examiner also requested Applicant file a Terminal Disclaimer for the commonly-owned and similar-in-scope invention claimed in US Patent 7,180,620. Atty authorized Examiner's proposed amendments and filed a terminal disclaimer.